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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2005

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22202-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a response to a first non-final Office Action dated February 22, 2005. The Applicant responds as follows:

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The present amendment replies to an Office Action dated February 22, 2005. Claims 1-14 are currently pending in the present application. Examiner Mendez rejected claims 1-14.

In the Office Action, Examiner Mendez asserted the following actions to the application and pending claims 1-14:

- A. Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Douglas, U.S. Patent No. 6,629,949;
- B. Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lastovich, et al.,
 U.S. Patent No. 6,808,506; and
- C. Claims 2-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whitney et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,235,234), in view of Douglas, Goldowsky (U.S. Patent No. 4,136,692) and Bierman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,428,515).

The Applicant requests reconsideration and further examination of the present application under 37 CFR § 1.111.